work out the liabilities from whatever data become available from which ever source.

(d) and (e) To the extent information is available M/s Rhone Poulanc has stopped the production of bulk drug Sulphadiazine, Phthalyl Sulphathiazole, Metronidazole and Prochlor Peprazine. The information regarding manufacturing of drugs from imported penultimate intermediates and the details of import of the intermediates during the last 3 years will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

**PAC recommendation on drugs**

1283. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2072 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1993 and state:

(a) what action the Ministry has taken on the PAC recommendations in so far as drugs are concerned;

(b) what are the details of all those cases where CIF prices were increased when customs duty was reduced during the last two years;

(c) what steps have been taken to investigate the whole matter and what steps have been taken to fix responsibility;

(d) whether it is a fact that M/s Cadila, M/s HAL and M/s PCI are importing Cefotaxin Sodium z at $ 1000 per Kg, CIF whereas M/s Hoechst is importing at over $1500 per Kg CIF and what action was taken to stop such practices; and

(e) what steps have been taken to investigate the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) As stated earliar in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2072 answered on 12-8-1993, the recommendations contained in the 5th report of the Public Accounts Committee, 10th Lok Sabha (1991-92) regarding monitoring of customs duty concessions, are general in nature and not specific to drugs. The Ministry of Finance has furnished an action taken note on the said recommendations of the Committee.

(b) and (c) Imports of bulk drugs/drug intermediates/raw materials are not monitored by this Ministry.

(d) and (e) To the extent information is available, the cif prices of various bulk drugs imported by companies vary depending upon the source of supply, quantity imported quality of the drugs and terms of payment etc.

**Policy on price escalation**

1284. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided in halt price escalation based on the input prices for a bulk drug beyond statutory three years lock-in period;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that price escalation is proposed to be allowed after technical input-output norms are determined for the next lock-in period by the Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices (BICP);

(d) whether Government have taken any policy decision in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :

(a), (c) and (d) No, Sir.

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

**Reversal of decontrol of Molasses distribution**

1285. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations from State Governments to reverse decontrol of molasses distribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken note of the problems being faced by molasses users due to decontrol; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government on the large profits being made by molasses producers ?